

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 13, 2017: Yeas 137, Nays 1, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**A WRIT OF MANDAMUS BY A COURT OF APPEALS AGAINST
AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE IN CERTAIN CASES**

CHAPTER 1013

H.B. No. 1480

AN ACT

relating to a writ of mandamus by a court of appeals against an associate judge in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 22.221(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Each court of appeals for a court of appeals district may issue all writs of mandamus, agreeable to the principles of law regulating those writs, against [a]:

(1) a judge of a district or county court in the court of appeals district; ~~or~~

(2) a judge of a district court who is acting as a magistrate at a court of inquiry under Chapter 52, Code of Criminal Procedure, in the court of appeals district; *or*

(3) *an associate judge of a district or county court appointed by a judge under Chapter 201, Family Code, in the court of appeals district for the judge who appointed the associate judge.*

SECTION 2. Section 22.221(b), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a suit filed under Chapter 45, Title 1, Title 4, or Title 5, Family Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit filed under Chapter 45, Title 1, Title 4, or Title 5, Family Code, before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2017: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**ABOLITION OF THE FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE FOR
PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR TERMINAL FACILITY
DISCHARGE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE CERTIFICATES**

CHAPTER 1014

H.B. No. 1481

AN ACT

relating to the abolition of the fee established by the commissioner of the General Land Office for processing applications for terminal facility discharge prevention and response certificates.